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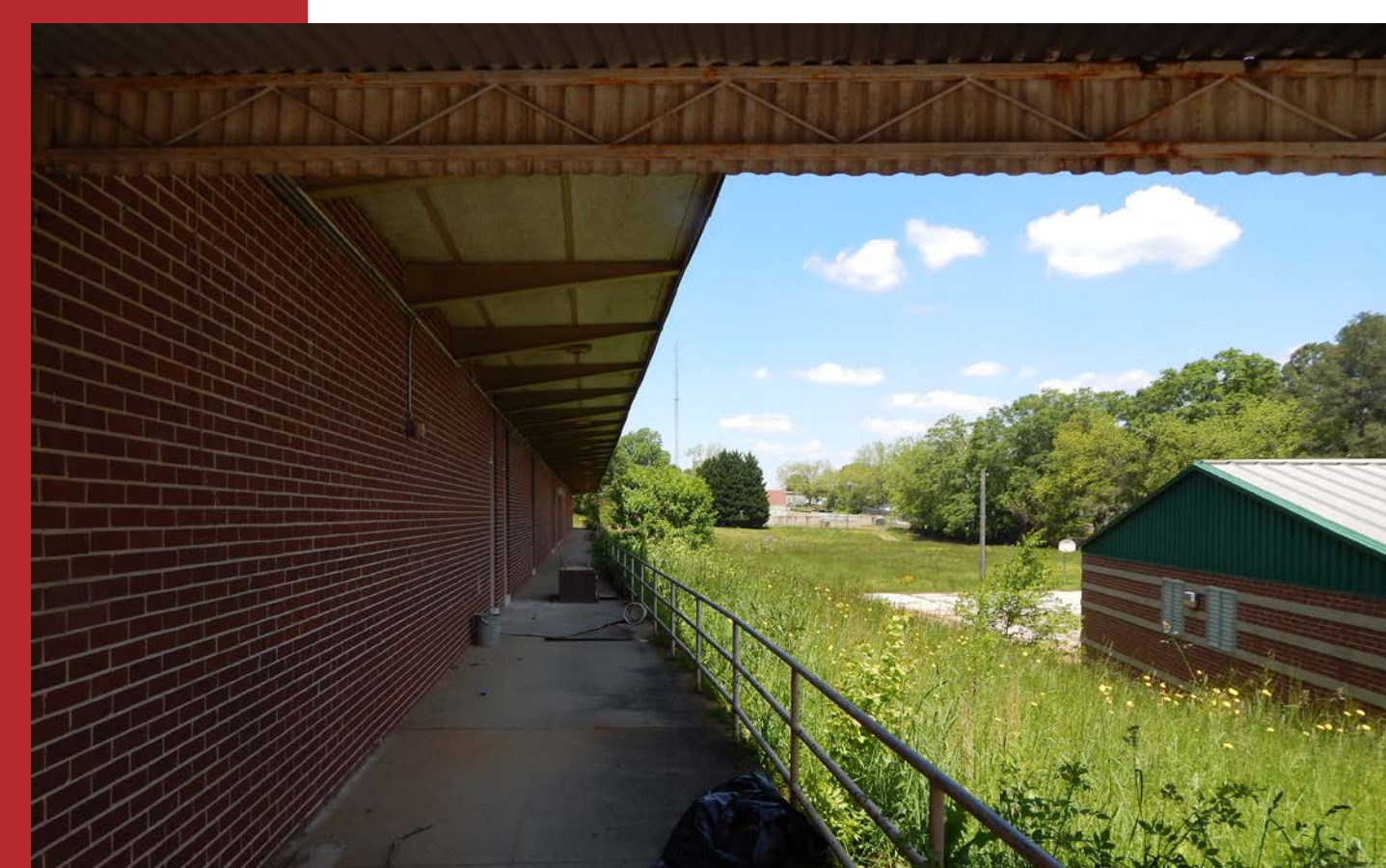
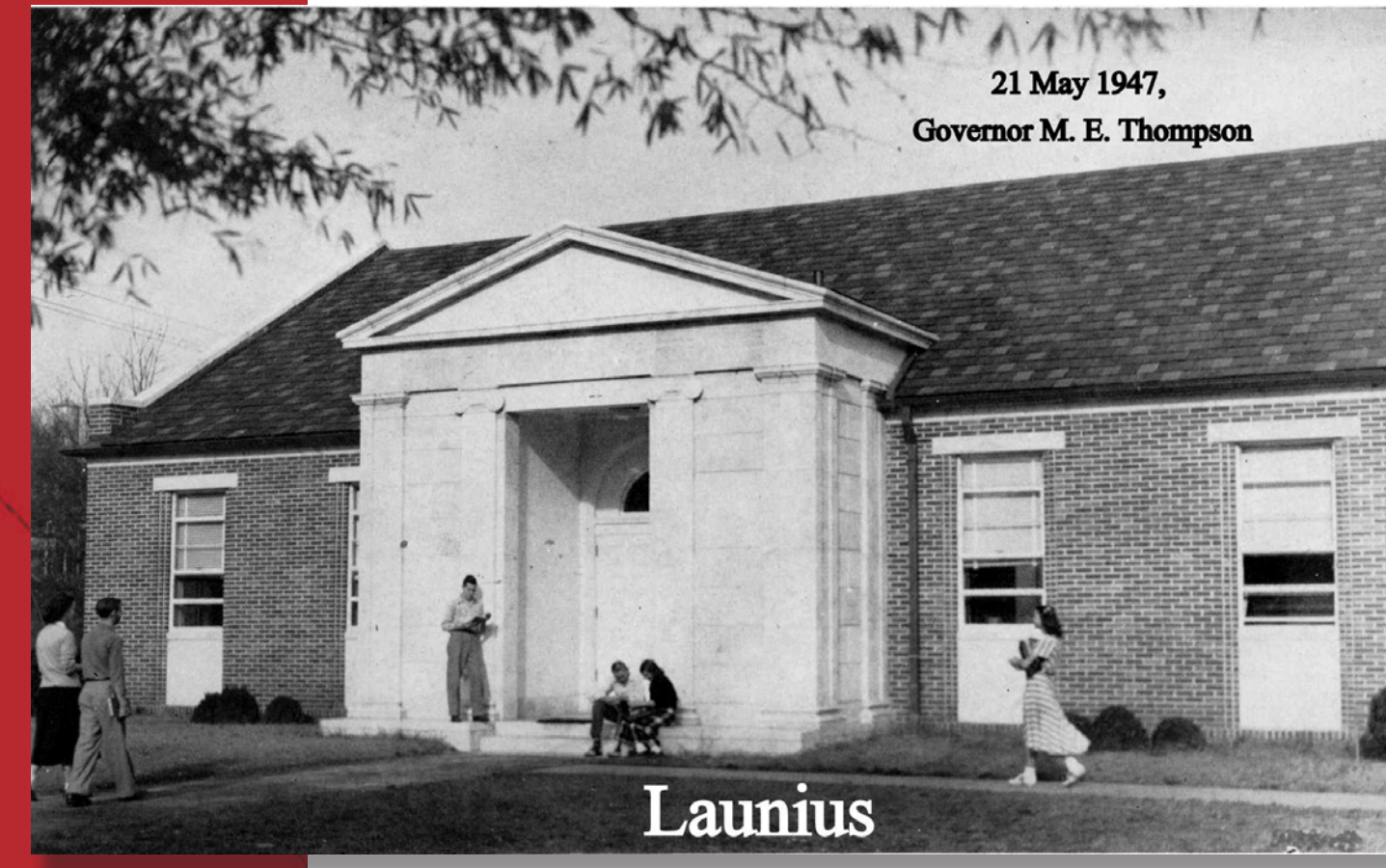
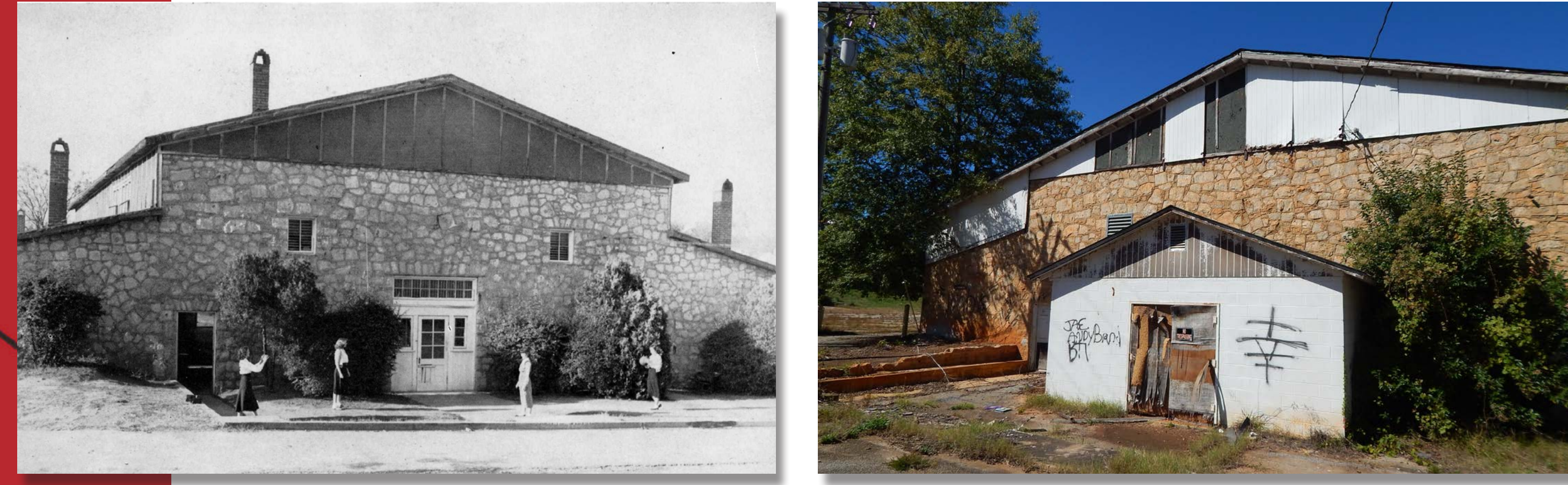
# ADAPTIVE REUSE OF A HISTORIC GEORGIA SCHOOL CAMPUS

The former Monroe Elementary School campus is located within the Monroe, Georgia city limits. Monroe is strategically positioned between Atlanta and Athens in the northern part of the state with a population of over 13,000. The Monroe Elementary School Campus which dates to 1927 incorporates historic buildings, new construction, and modern innovations while creating a public and private space in the northern end of the city. The approximately 10-acre site provides a space for the arts to flourish while being surrounded by residential neighborhoods and several blocks from the downtown. Proving a space for residents to pick a floor plan for their particular time in life. The site reintroduces an outlet to nearby neighbors and the community for specific events and everyday use.

The campus site is a multifaceted project allowing feedback from the community, research of the history of the site, as well as promoting the various architectural styles found on the site. Feedback from the community

gave valuable insight to the understanding what the residents and visitors want the City of Monroe to offer. The feedback resulted in the following items starting with the most mentioned: Restaurants, Parks, Stage/Gazebo, Community Garden, Indoor Farmer's Market, Public Pool, Cardio Path, Business/Retail, Stadium Seating, Picnic Area, Reception Hall, Antique Trolley Stop, Rentals, Movie Theater, Bowling Alley, Grocery Store, YMCA, Parking, and Townhomes.

The project design introduces environmentally friendly approaches to existing and new buildings throughout the site. The design project can be used as a model for the community to reference in the future. The project has been presented to four City of Monroe boards (Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and Mayor and Council) and one civic group (Rotary Club).



## 1933 DENTON HALL

1933 Denton Hall is a one-story building made of granite with wood framed walls and accents. The building has a front gable roof which has been altered from an earlier stepped roof configuration. The front façade features three bays- a central door with a smaller door on the left and right side. The side façades feature four square windows in the lower granite section and then in the upper wooden section of the façade.

## 1947 MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The 1947 Memorial Library is a one-story Neoclassical styled (1895-1950) brick building with a side gable roof. The symmetrical five bay building features a front projecting portico with a pediment top. Below the pediment is an entablature with the words "Memorial Library" inscribed. The entablature is supported by four engaged pilasters, simple ones on the corners and Ionic topped on either side of the entrance. The recessed entry features a fanlight above two doors with six panels on each door. There are two windows on either side of the front entry. Each window is double-hung and has three horizontal panes over two horizontal panes. A pronounced lintel is featured above each window.

## 1956 CAFETERIA AND CLASSROOM

The 1956 Cafeteria Building is a one-story Contemporary Style (1940-1980) sometimes referred to as American International brick building. The building features a flat roof with an overhang, a large interior open space, kitchen, and storage area. The buildings features horizontal banding of windows running three quarters the entire length and being six windows high. A central entrance is located at both of the short ends of the building. The 1956 Classroom Building is a one-story Contemporary Style (1940-1980) sometimes referred to as American International brick building. The building features a flat roof with an overhang, with a central hallway, and classrooms on either side of the hallway. The buildings features horizontal banding of windows running the entire length and being five windows high. A central entrance is located at both of the short ends of the building.

## 1971 5TH GRADE BUILDING

The 1971 5th Grade Building is a one-story Contemporary Style (1940-1980) sometimes referred to as American International brick building. The building features a flat roof with an overhang. Classrooms with doors and a transom above are on one side of the building, while on the other are narrow vertical windows.

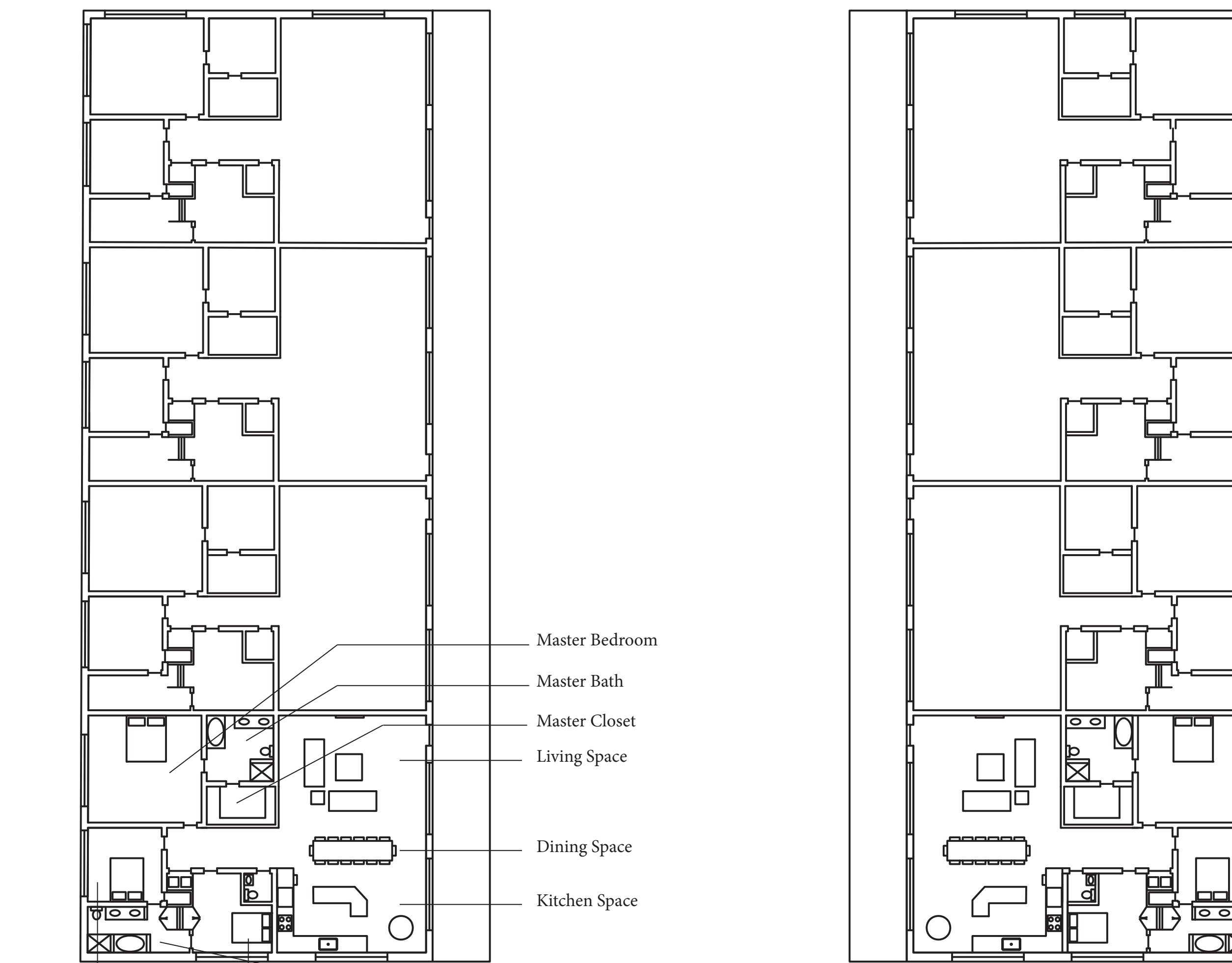
## 1977 MAIN BUILDING

The 1977 Main Building is a one-story Contemporary Style (1940-1980) sometimes referred to as American International brick building. The building features a flat roof with no visible detailing other than white shell and stucco above and below the windows along the facades. The front façade is symmetrical. The current building is the third building on the site.

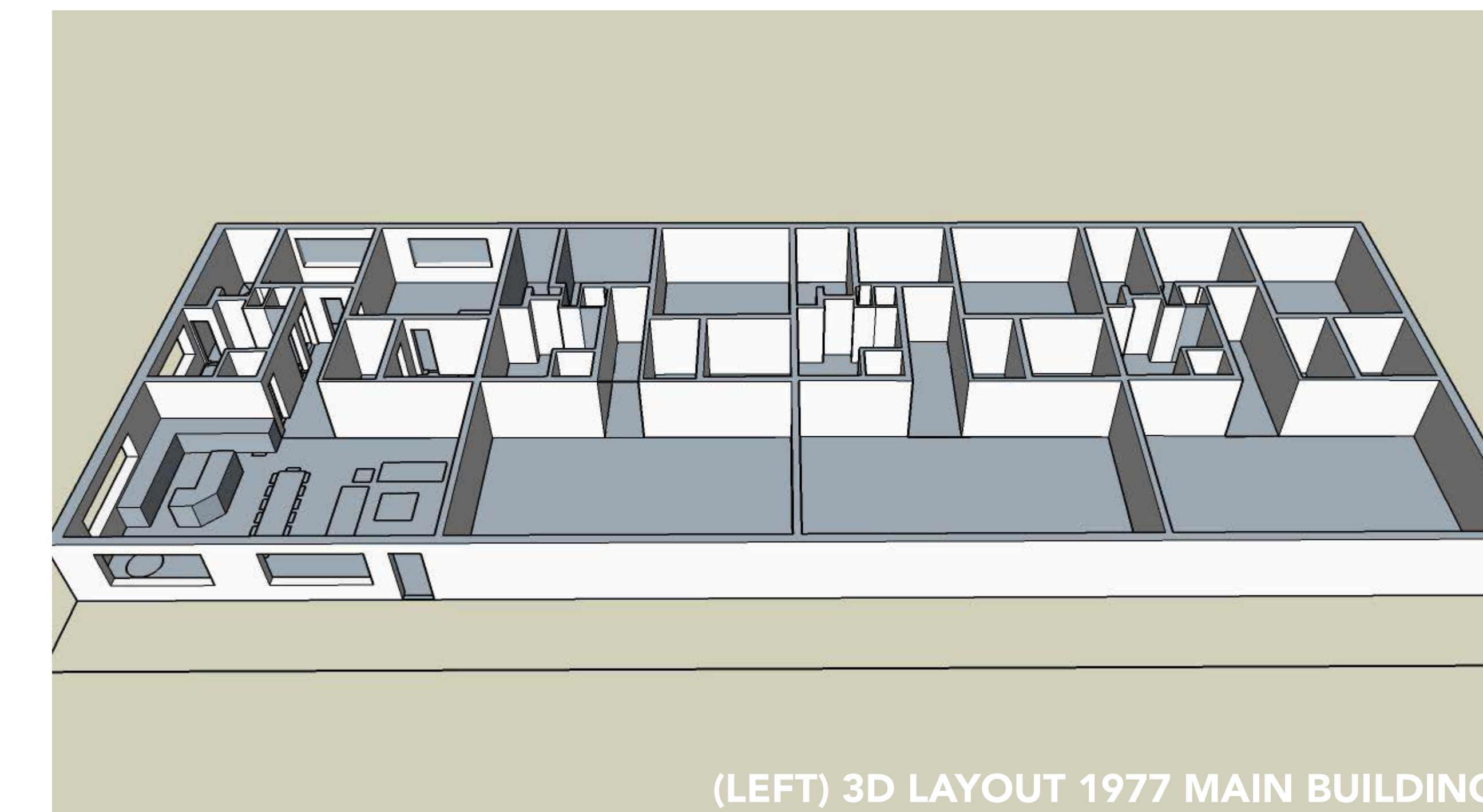
## 1996 GYM

The 1996 Gym is a one-story patterned brick building with a metal roof.

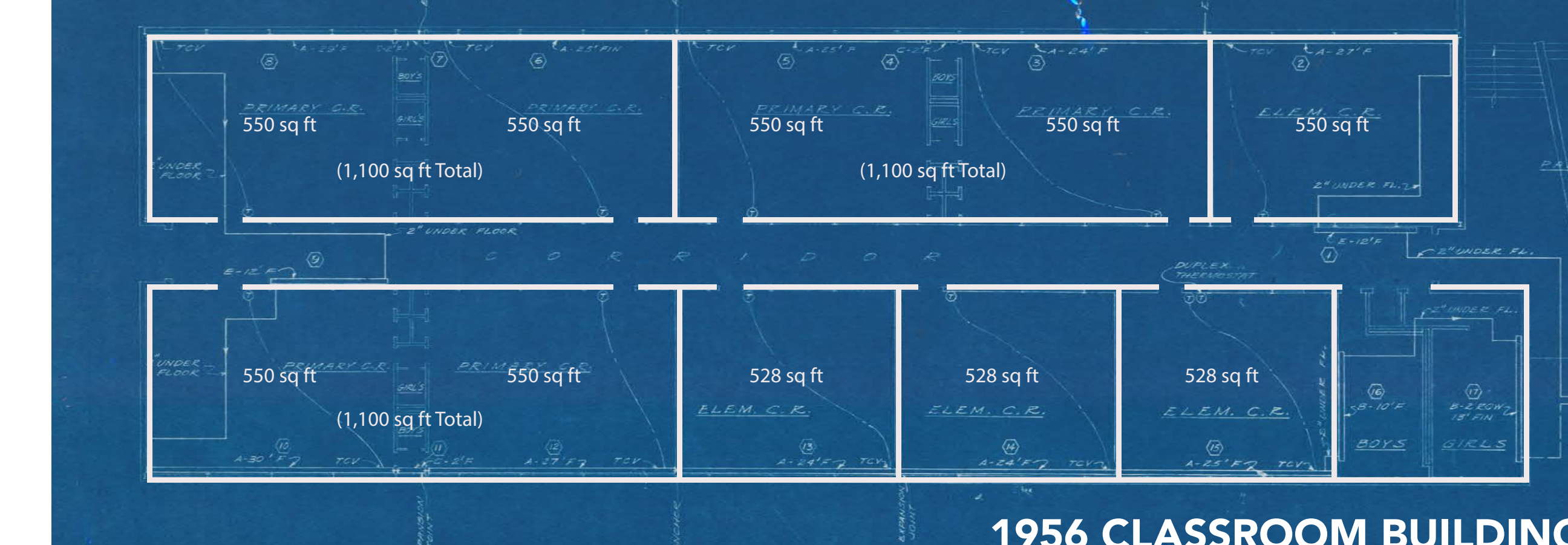
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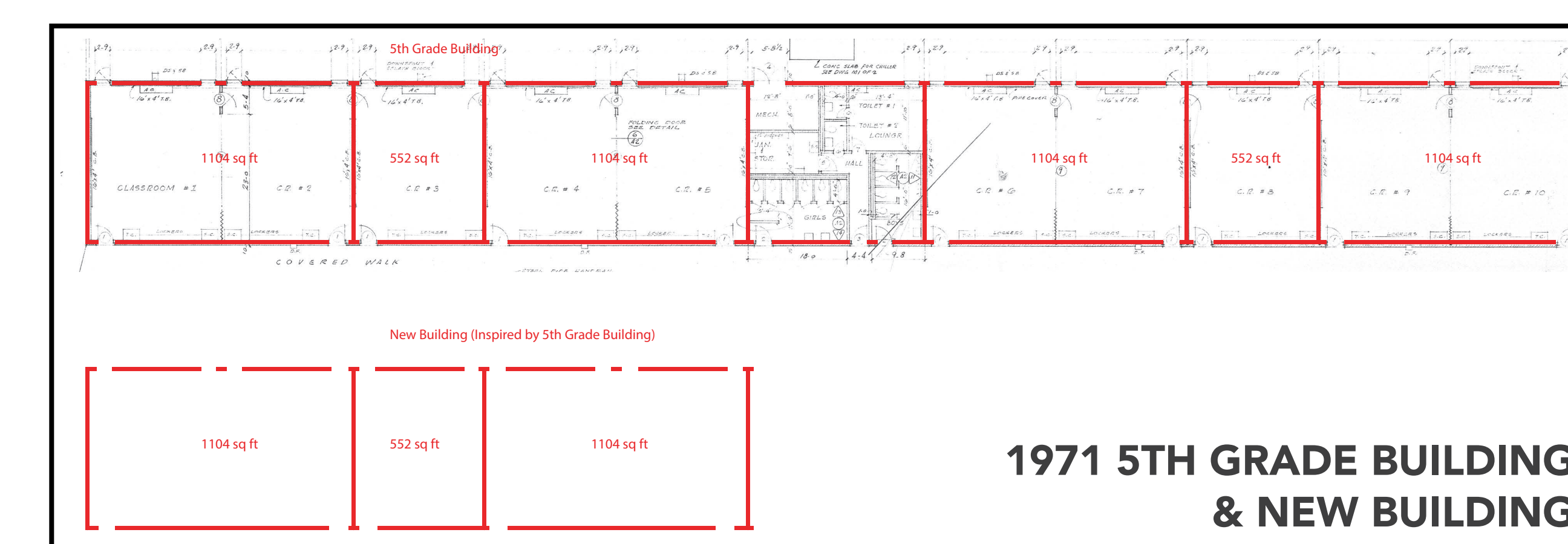
Guest Bedroom #1 Guest Bedroom #2 Jack & Jill Bath



(LEFT) 3D LAYOUT 1977 MAIN BUILDING



1956 CLASSROOM BUILDING



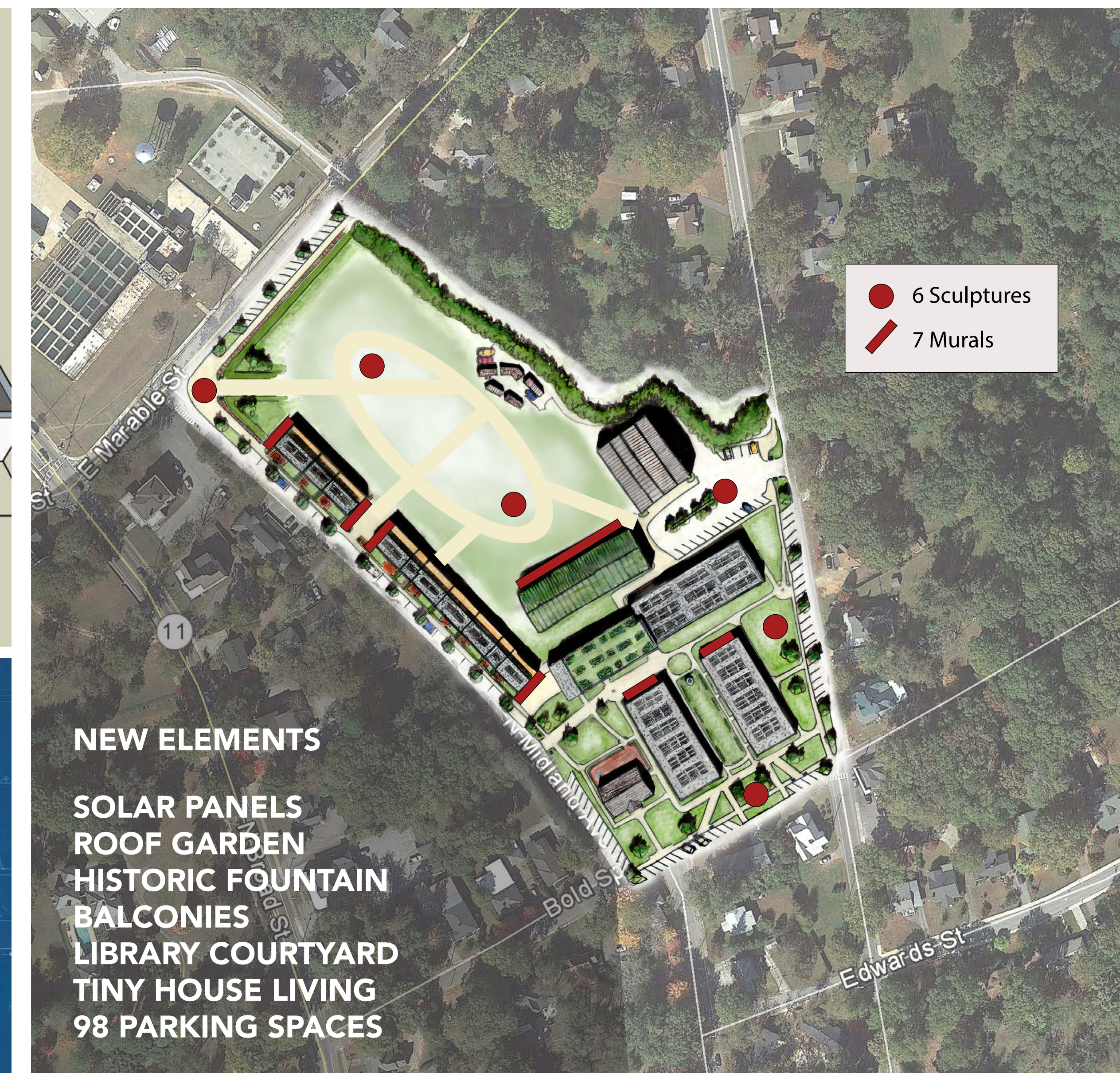
1971 5TH GRADE BUILDING & NEW BUILDING



NORTH TO SOUTH GREEN CORRIDOR



EAST TO WEST GREEN CORRIDOR



### NEW ELEMENTS

- SOLAR PANELS
- ROOF GARDEN
- HISTORIC FOUNTAIN
- BALCONIES
- LIBRARY COURTYARD
- TINY HOUSE LIVING
- 98 PARKING SPACES



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